

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

According to one aspect of the invention, a method is provided in which one or more write commands and their corresponding write data are received from a first device.

The corresponding write data may be delayed by the first device by a first delay period.

- 5 The one or more write commands and their corresponding write data are stored in a set of buffers. In response to another write command being received from the first device, a buffered write command and its corresponding write data are sent to a second device for execution, without waiting for the write data corresponding to said another write command to be sent from the first device.